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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 0481

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SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE REQUESTS INFORMATION AND PURCHASES

1. I RECEIVED TODAY (JANUARY 23) A LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE FORWARDING FOR MY INFORMATION A COPY OF HIS (SECRET) NOTE TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS REQUESTING HE INSTRUCT THE ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE URGENTLY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF PURCHASING 12 F-4'S, 12 F-5E'S, 12 AT-37'S AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT. THE NOTE SAYS THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THE LAST PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE CONFERENCE OF COMMANDING OFFICERS OF AMERICAN AIR FORCES IN PANAMA, THE ECUADOREAN AF REPRESENTATIVE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT "WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RESUMING SUPPLY AND TRAINING RELATIONS WITH ECUADOR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COPY OF THE CABLE COMMUNICATION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS NOTE." ATTACHED TO THE NOTE IS COPY OF AN UNCLASSIFIED REPEAT UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE FROM CSAF, WASH D.C., TO USAFSO, ALBROOK AFB, CZ, DATE/TIME 162102Z JAN 74, SLUGGED "PERSONAL FROM BRIG GEN YOUREE TO COLONEL LEDBETTER," AND WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

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WE ARE INTERESTED IN SEEING A RESUMPTION OF SUPPLY AND

TRAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ECUADOR AND WE HOPE OUR EMBASSY
IN QUITO WILL BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR IN THE NEAR FUTURE. OSD/ISA AND STATE
DEPARTMENT CONCUR. END QUOTE

2. COMMENT: WHILE I APPRECIATE THE MOTIVES, FRANKLY
THIS KIND OF HELP I CAN DO WITHOUT. I REQUEST ADDRESSEES
CLASSIFY ALL COMMUNICATIONS ON POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF A
MILITARY SUPPLY OR TRAINING RELATIONSHIP WITH ECUADOR.

3. MY RECOMMENDATION ON THE SUBSTANCE AND HANDLING
OF THE ECUADOREAN REQUEST WILL FOLLOW IN DUE COURSE.
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